Meet Marina Laccona, 2018 Urban Hero Winner

After recognizing a need in the community, Marina founded a volunteer homework program at Northwood Community Centre in 2002. Serving students at various schools in the Jane Street and Sheppard Avenue area, the program runs after-school twice a week and helps elementary school students get homework help from local high school students who receive community service hours for their time. Thanks to partnerships, Marina is able to take students and their families to group outings, which have included Jays and TFC games. The success of the program has allowed Marina to expand to two other locations, Domenico DiLuca Community Recreation Centre and Aptus Teaching Landscape, helping young people reach their potential with support from their peers.